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1. I TOO WAS PUZZLED BY WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF CSCE DISCUSSIONS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST. OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN HAD AGREED TO REVIEW US POSITION ON CHARTER REFERENCES IN THE LIGHT OF ROMANIAN CONCERNS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF THE CONCLUSION IN WASHINGTON IS THAT THE US POSITION CANNOT BE CHANGED THEN AT LEAST GENEVA SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT THIS DECISION TO LIPATTI IN A WAY WHICH REFLECTS THE WASHINGTON REVIEW THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE SECRETARY'S AND SONNENFELDT/HARTMAN DISCUSSIONS HERE.

2. ALTERNATIVELY, IT STRIKES US THAT GIVEN THE DEGREE OF ROMANIAN CONCERN WE SHOULD CONSIDER LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH LIPATTI IN GENEVA PENDING ANY FURTHER VARIATIONS THEY CAN COME UP WITH ON THEIR OWN OR AS THE RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS BEFORE AND DURING MACOVESCU TRIP TO MOSCOW WHICH WE NOW UNDERSTAND IS SET FOR DECEMBER 8.
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